Importing Return Files - Practitioner

The import is accomplished with a comma delimited text file. The file can contain multiple returns with different locations for multiple clients. Clients must already be setup in ParishE-File.com and have authorized you as their Practitioner.

Create the import file using the program of your choice. Be sure to save your import file in a secure and accessible location. Refer to the **File Structure** guide below to ensure your file is formatted correctly and meets the specifications for the return and period.

▼To import returns:

- 1. Click **Import Returns** on the menu bar. The **Import Page** appears.
- 2. To find the import file, click the **Browse** button.



3. Select the file. Then click **Open**.



4. The file name appears in the field. Click **Upload File**.



A summary of import file information appears. The column labeled Import Status shows any errors detected in the file. If there are no errors detected, move to the section below labeled No Errors.

Errors:

If there are any errors in the file, the import status displays [Show Errors]. Click [Show Errors] to see the line location and description of the errors.



The error in following screen shows that the Location Identifier and User Name do not correspond. Click Cancel.



Revisit the original file to reconcile the error:

Rapide,6/08,57,joeblow1

Line1,10540

Line2,20

Line3,30

Line4,40

Line5,50

Line6,60

Line7,70

Line9,90

Line10,100

Line8,80 Line8_Explanation,special deduction test LineA_13,10000.00 LineB_13,10000.00

The correct User Name for Location Identifier 57 is joeblow, not joeblow1. Edit the information and save the file. Upload the new file following the same procedure.

No Errors:

If there are no errors in the file, the import status displays **OK**.

The checkboxes in the Import column are automatically checked. Uncheck the checkboxes next to returns that should not be imported.

7. To import the checked returns, click **Import**.



8. The files are imported into the system when the status of the import is displayed in the **Import Status** column as **Success**. Click **Next** to continue the filing process.

Note: A successful import does **not** mean that the return has been filed.



There are two parts to the file, the Header and the Return Data. Each return included in the file must contain both parts and a separator.

In order to import correctly, the import file must meet the following specifications:

The Header

The Header line contains the Short Name of the Return, the File Period (MM/YYYY), the Location Identifier, and the User Name of the client.

The Short Name for each return is listed in a table at the end of this document.

The Location Identifier is a numeric ID unique to a business and its location. To find the Location Identifier, select a User Account. Click **Account Center** on the menu bar. Then, click **Business Locations**. Select the location from the drop-down menu. The Location Identifier is the **Import ID**.



The User Name is the User Name listed for the company on the Practitioner Account screen.

The example Header line below indicates a Rapides Parish sales tax return for May 2008, business location with Location Identifier 11, and User Name MyClient1.

Example Header:

RAPIDE,5/2008,11,MyClient1

The Return Data

Use the line labels printed on the **Return Import Templates** to determine where to enter amounts and which line labels to use.

▼To access the Templates:

1. Click **Import Returns** on the menu bar. The **Import Page** appears.



2. Select a **Return** and **File Period** from the drop-down menus. Then, click **Print**.

This is part of the Rapides Parish sales tax return for June 2008:

| GROSS SALES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, LEASES, AND SERVICES AS REPORTED TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA | RENTALS 1 | Lin | e1 | | (; | SALES A | ND USE T | AX REPO | RT) |
|---|-------------|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS | | | | COMMENTS | | | | | |
| SALES FOR RESALE OR FURTHER PROCESSING (CERTIFICATE ON FILE) | Line2 | 2 | (' | COMMENTS | To avoid p | enalties your envi | elope must have a | in official postmari | dated on or |
| 3. CASH DISCOUNTS, SALES RETURNS AND ALLOWANCES | Line3 | | | | | perore the 20th to | lowing the period | covered by the re | ium. J |
| 4. SALES DELIVERED OR SHIPPED OUTSIDE ACADIA PARISH | Line | 1 | | | | DI ELOP | INDICATE ANY CHAN | 1000 001 011 | = |
| 5. SALES OF GASOLINE AND MOTOR FUELS | Lines | | | | / | PLEASE | INDICATE ANY CHAR | GES BELOW: | 1 |
| 6. SALES TO THE US GOVT., THE STATE OF LA, ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS | | i | | | 1 0 | ATE BUSINESS SOLD | NA NA | ME AND ADDRESS O | F PURCHASER |
| SALES OF FOOD PAID FOR WITH USDA FOOD STAMPS OR WIC VOUCHERS | Line? | 1 | | | | | | | |
| OTHER DEDUCTIONS AUTHORIZED BY LAW (EXPLAIN BRIEFLY) | | | | | DATE | BUSINESS DISCONTI | MED | BUSINESS LOCATIO | N CHANGE |
| 8. Line8_Explanation | Line8 | 8 | (| |) | DOGINE DOGGINI | - CLE | BOUNTEDO ECCNITO | in Citation |
| 9. Line@_Explanation | Lines | | | $\overline{}$ | / \ | DE IN NAME OF BUSI | 1000 | MAILING ADDRESS | / |
| 10. Line10_Explanation | Line10 | | | | | | 1200 | | CHANGE |
| 11. TOTAL ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS (LINE 2 THRU LINE 10) 11. CONSOLIDATED SALES & USE TAX REPORT FOR ACADIA PARISH | | | | | | | | | |
| 12. ADJUSTED GROSS SALES (LINE 1 MINUS LINE 11) 12 | | COMPLETE ONLY COLUMNS IN WHICH TAXABLE ACTIVITY OCCURS | | | | | | | |
| | 5.00% B | 5.00% C | 4.50% | D 4.50% | E 5.00% | F 4.00% | G 4.00% | H 3.50% | 1 3.00% |
| PARISH WIDE TAX -> Parish PARISH WIDE TAX -> School PARISH WIDE TAX -> School CONPUTATION OF SALES & USE TAX DISTRICT #8 TAX> | (P.J.) Parl | sh (P.J.) Parisi sol Board School | nmora h (P.J.) ol Board trict #3 | Lecompte Parish (P.J.) School Board District #3 | Ball Parish (P.J.) School Board | Boyce Parish (P.J.) School Board District #3 | Woodworth Parish (P.J.) School Board District #3 | Forest Hill Parish (P.J.) School Board District #3 | Parish (P.J.) School Board District #3 |
| | LineA_13 | LineB_13 | LineC_13 | LineD_13 | LineE_13 | LineF_13 | LineG_13 | LineH_13 | Linei_13 |
| 14. JURISDICTION 14. | LineA_14 | LineB_14 | LineC_14 | LineD_14 | LineE_14 | LineF_14 | LineG_14 | LineH_14 | Linel_14 |
| 15. TOTAL (LINE 13 PLUS LINE 14) 15. | | | | | | | | | |
| 16. Column 16. | | | | | | | | | |
| 17. EXCESS TAX COLLECTED 17. | LineA_17 | LineB_17 | LineC_17 | LineD_17 | LineE_17 | LineF_17 | LineG_17 | LineH_17 | Linei_17 |

Any field on the template without a line label cannot be imported because it is a calculated field.

The Return Data lines contain the line label and dollar amount. To enter Adjusted Gross sales of 1000.00 in Line 13 Column B on the return, enter **LineB_13,1000.00** in the import file.

If an entry is made on lines 8-10 (other deductions), an explanation is required. Explanations in Lines 8-10 cannot exceed 50 characters.

To enter an Explanation in line 8 on the return, enter **Line8_Explanation,Newspapers** in the import file.

Example Return Data:

Line1,2033.43 Line8,33.43 Line8_Explanation,Newspapers LineA_13,1000.00 LineB_13,1000.00

The return separator must follow each return, including the last return in the file. It consists of ten forward slashes (/).

Below is an example of a complete import file for multiple taxpayers. This file shows a Louisiana State return for June 2008, Location Identifier 55, MyClient1, **and** a Rapides Parish Sales Tax return for June 2008, Location Identifier 54, MyClient2.

Example:

LA,6/2008,55,MyClient1 Line1,1000 Line2,50 /////// RAPIDE,6/2008,54,MyClient2 Line1,1100 Line8,100 Line8_Explanation,Special Deduction LineA_13,1000 ////////

Short Name List Hotel/Motel Tax and other specialty tax returns are unavailable until November 1, 2008.

| Return | Short Name | Return | Short Name |
|---|-------------|---|------------------|
| Acadia Parish Sales Tax | ACADIA | Lafayette Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | LAFAYEHOT |
| Allen Parish Sales Tax | ALLEN | Lafourche Parish Sales Tax | LAFOUR |
| Ascension Parish Sales Tax | ASCENS | Lafourche Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | LAFOURHOT |
| Ascension Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | ASCENSHOT | LaSalle Parish Sales Tax | LASALL |
| Assumption Parish Sales Tax | ASSUMP | Lincoln Parish Sales Tax | LINCOL |
| Avoyelles Parish Sales Tax | AVOYEL | Lincoln Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | LINCOLHOT |
| Beauregard Parish Sales Tax | BEAURE | Livingston Parish Sales Tax | LIVING |
| Bienville Parish Sales Tax | BIENVI | Livingston Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | LIVINGHOT |
| Bossier Parish Sales Tax | BOSSIE | Louisiana State Sales Tax | LA |
| Bossier City Hotel/Motel | BOSSIEHOT | Louisiana State Hotel/Motel Tax | LAHOT |
| | Doddini | Louisiana State Hotel/Motel Tax | 22.11101 |
| Caddo Parish Sales Tax | CADDO | (Orleans Parish & Jefferson Parish) | LAHOTDS |
| Caddo Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | CADDOHOT | Madison Parish Sales Tax | MADISO |
| Calcasieu Parish Sales Tax | CALCAS | Morehouse Parish Sales Tax | MOREHO |
| Calcasieu Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | CALCASHOT | Morehouse Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | MOREHOHOT |
| Caldwell Parish Sales Tax | CALDWE | Natchitoches Parish Sales Tax | NATCHI |
| Cameron Parish - NO PARISH | | Natchitoches Parish Hotel/Motel | |
| SALES TAX COLLECTED | | Tax | NATCHIHOT |
| | 0.171.770 | New Orleans Exhibition Hall | |
| Catahoula Parish Sales Tax | САТАНО | Authority | NOEXIB |
| Claiborne Parish Sales Tax | CLAIBO | Orleans Sales/Parking Tax | ORLSAL |
| Concordia Parish Sales Tax | CONCOR | Orleans Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | ORLHOT |
| DeSoto Parish Sales Tax | DESOTO | Ouachita Parish Sales Tax | OUACHI |
| East Baton Rouge Parish Sales Tax | EBATON | Ouachita Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | OUACHIHOT |
| East Baton Rouge Parish | EDDITOT | Dla manaria de Daviela Calad Tara | DLAOUE |
| Hotel/Motel Tax | EBRHOT | Plaquemines Parish Sales Tax | PLAQUE POINTE |
| East Carroll Parish Sales Tax | ECARRO | Pointe Coupee Parish Sales Tax Pointe Coupee Parish Hotel/Motel | POINTE |
| East Feliciana Parish Sales Tax | EFELIC | Tax | POINTEHOT |
| Evangeline Parish Sales Tax | EVANGE | Rapides Parish Sales Tax | RAPIDE |
| Franklin Parish Sales Tax | FRANKL | Rapides Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | RAPIDEHOT |
| Grant Parish Sales Tax | GRANT | Red River Parish Sales Tax | REDRIV |
| Iberia Parish Sales Tax | IBERIA | Richland Parish Sales Tax | RICHLA |
| Iberville Parish Sales Tax | IBERVI | Sabine Parish Sales Tax | SABINE |
| Iberville Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | IBERVIHOT | Sabine Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | SABINEHOT |
| Jackson Parish Sales Tax | JACKSO | St. Bernard Parish Sales Tax | STBERN |
| Jackson Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | JACKSOHOT | St. Charles Parish Sales Tax | STCHAR |
| Jefferson Davis Parish Sales Tax | JDAVIS | St. Charles Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | STCHARHOT |
| Jefferson Davis Hotel/Motel Tax | JDAVISHOT | St. Helena Parish Sales Tax | STHELE |
| Jefferson Parish Food and Drug | JEFFER | St. James Parish Sales Tax | STJAME |
| Jefferson Parish General Sales Tax | JEFFERGS | St. John the Baptist Parish Sales Tax | STJOHN |
| Jefferson Parish Hotel/Occupancy | _ | St. John the Baptist Parish | |
| Tax - East Bank | JEFFERHOE | Hotel/Motel Tax | STJOHNHOT |
| Jefferson Parish Hotel/Occupancy Tax - West Bank | JEFFERHOW | St. Landry Parish Sales Tax | STLAND |
| Jefferson Parish Food/Drug Airport | JET LINIO W | On Pariety Lation Gares Tax | OTIMIND |
| Tax | JEFFERAFD | St. Martin Parish Sales Tax | STMART |
| Jefferson Parish General Sales Airport Tax | JEFFERAGS | St. Mary Parish Sales Tax | STMARY |
| Lafayette Parish Sales Tax | | St. Mary Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | STMARYHOT |
| Larayette Parisii Sales Tax | LAFAYE | St. Mary Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | SIMAKIHUI |

| St. Tammany Parish Sales Tax | STTAMM | |
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| Tangipahoa Parish Sales Tax | TANGIP | |
| Tensas Parish Sales Tax | TENSAS | |
| Terrebonne Parish Sales Tax | TERREB | |
| Terrebonne Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | TERREBHOT | |
| Union Parish Sales Tax | UNION | |
| Vermilion Parish Sales Tax | VERMIL | |
| Vermilion Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | VERMILHOT | |
| Vernon Parish Sales Tax | VERNON | |
| Vernon Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | VERNONHOT | |
| Washington Parish Sales Tax | WASHIN | |
| Washington Rolling Paper Tax | WPJCT | |
| Webster Parish Sales Tax | WEBSTE | |
| West Baton Rouge Sales Tax | WBR | |
| West Baton Rouge Parish Hotel/Motel Tax | WBRHOT | |
| West Carroll Parish Sales Tax | WCARRO | |
| West Feliciana Parish Sales Tax | WFELIC | |
| Winn Parish Sales Tax | WINN | |